--72. The light modulator of claim 71, wherein the welded retarders are welded together using methylene chloride.--

--73. The light modulator of claim 72, wherein a dope is formed of polycarbonate dissolved in methylene chloride.--

--74. The light modulator of claim 6, wherein at least one of the first retarder stack and the second retarder stack comprises retarders welded together by chemical bonding.--

--75. The light modulator of claim 74, wherein the welded retarders are polycarbonate sheets.--

--76. The light modulator of claim 75, wherein the welded retarders are welded together using methylene chloride.--

--77. The light modulator of claim 76, wherein a dope is formed of polycarbonate dissolved in methylene chloride.--

--78. The sequencer of claim 17, wherein at least one of the first input retarder stack, the second input retarder stack, the third input retarder stack, the first output retarder stack, the second output retarder stack, and the third output retarder stack comprises retarders welded together by chemical bonding.--

--79. The sequencer of claim 78, wherein the welded retarders are polycarbonate sheets.--

--80. The sequencer of claim 79, wherein the welded retarders are welded together using methylene chloride.--

--81. The sequencer of claim 80, wherein a dope is formed of polycarbonate dissolved in methylene chloride.--

--82. The reflection-mode light modulator of claim 49, wherein the retarder stack comprises retarders welded together by chemical bonding.--

--83. The reflection-mode light modulator of claim 82, wherein the welded retarders are polycarbonate sheets.--

--84. The reflection-mode light modulator of claim 83, wherein the welded retarders are welded together using methylene chloride.--

--85. The reflection-mode light modulator of claim 84, wherein a dope is formed of polycarbonate dissolved in methylene chloride.--

--86. The reflection-mode light modulator of claim 55, wherein one of the first retarder stack, the second retarder stack, and the third retarder stack comprises retarders welded together by chemical bonding.--

--87. The reflection-mode light modulator of claim 86, wherein the welded retarders are polycarbonate sheets.--

--88. The reflection-mode light modulator of claim 87, wherein the welded retarders are welded together using methylene chloride.--

--89. The reflection-mode light modulator of claim 88, wherein a dope is formed of polycarbonate dissolved in methylene chloride.--

--90. The multi-stage in-line color filter of claim 58, wherein at least one of the first stage, the second stage, and the third stage comprises a retarder stack, the retarder stack comprises retarders welded together by chemical bonding.--

--91. The multi-stage in-line color filter of claim 90, wherein the welded retarders are polycarbonate sheets.--

--92. The multi-stage in-line color filter of claim 91, wherein the welded retarders are welded together using methylene chloride.--

--93. The multi-stage in-line filter of claim 92, wherein a dope is formed of polycarbonate dissolved in methylene chloride.--

--94. The color selective light modulator of claim 65, wherein one of the first modulator stage, the second modulator stage, and the third modulator stage comprises a

retarder stack, the retarder stack comprising retarders welded together by chemical bonding.--

--95. The color selective light modulator of claim 94, wherein the welded retarders are polycarbonate sheets.--

--96. The color selective light modulator of claim 95, wherein the welded retarders are welded together using methylene chloride.--

--97. The color selective light modulator of claim 96, wherein a dope is formed of polycarbonate dissolved in methylene chloride.--

--98. The method of claim 67, wherein the first retarder stack comprises retarders welded together by chemical bonding.--

--99. The method of claim 98, wherein the welded retarders are polycarbonate sheets.--